

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed January 24, 2008 (hereinafter, "Office Action"), claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 1, 5 and 6 have been amended.

Applicant respectfully responds to the Office Action.

I. Claims 1-9 Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0123084 to Brossman et al. (hereinafter, "Brossman"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." MPEP § 2131 (citing Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." Id. (citing Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989)). In addition, "the reference must be enabling and describe the applicant's claimed invention sufficiently to have placed it in possession of a person of ordinary skill in the field of the invention." In re Paulsen, 31 USPQ2d 1671, 1673 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims at issue are patentably distinct from Brossman. Brossman does not disclose all of the subject matter in these claims.

Claim 1, as amended, recites "providing a user interface adapted to building a composite print job, wherein the user interface obtains a combining order, and wherein the user interface provides control commands including a start command and an add command, wherein the start command indicates a first segment of the composite print job, and wherein the add command indicates a segment to be added to the composite print job." Support for this amendment may be found by at least the following: pages 9-12, Figure 4 of Applicant's Specification. Brossman does not disclose this subject matter.

Instead Brossman states:

In this example, the data path from the user's workstation to a presentation device 380 includes an output server 325, presentation services 335, a virtual printer process 340, a rasterizer 355, a wrapper function 365, and finally the presentation device 380. The presentation job received in the present example is a PostScript fax job 305 comprising text, image, and graphic data. The PostScript job 305 is also accompanied by several user-specified job attributes 310. In general, user-specified job attributes may be categorized as either destination device control information or formatting information.

Brossman, paragraph [0042], lines 4-13. This portion of Brossman does not disclose “providing a user interface adapted to building a composite print job,” nor does it disclose “the user interface obtains a combining order”, or “the user interface provides control commands including a start command and an add command, wherein the start command indicates a first segment of the composite print job, and wherein the add command indicates a segment to be added to the composite print job.” Paragraph [0042] mentions “user-specified job attributes”, but this does not disclose the aforementioned claim subject matter that requires “providing a user interface adapted to building a composite print job,” nor does it disclose “the user interface obtains a combining order”, or “the user interface provides control commands including a start command and an add command, wherein the start command indicates a first segment of the composite print job, and wherein the add command indicates a segment to be added to the composite print job.”

Later, Brossman also states “[t]ypically, the user-specified job attributes may be provided as command line options to the output server 325 by the end user or they may represent user selections on a graphical user interface.” (Brossman, paragraph [0042], lines 18-21.) However, disclosing a “graphical user interface” does not disclose “providing a user interface adapted to building a composite print job,” nor does it disclose “the user interface obtains a combining order”, or “the user interface provides control commands including a start command and an add command, wherein the start command indicates a first segment of the composite print job, and wherein the add command indicates a segment to be added to the composite print job.”

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentably distinct from Brossman. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn because Brossman does not disclose all of the subject matter of claim 1.

Claims 2-4 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 2-4 be withdrawn.

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to include subject matter similar to the amendments to claim 1, argued above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 5-6 be withdrawn for the same reasons as cited above with respect to claim 1.

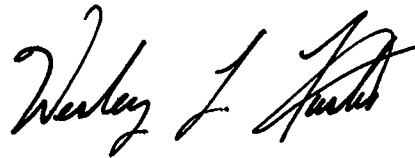
Claims 7-9 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 6. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 7-9 be withdrawn.

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II. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully asserts that all pending claims are patentably distinct from the cited references, and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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